

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 currently stand allowed, while the Examiner has rejected claims 26-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Theimer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,611,050).

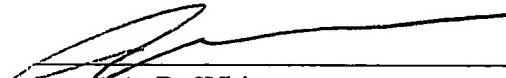
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims. While Applicants disagree that the prior art renders obvious any of the previously pending claims, Applicants have amended the claims in order to expedite prosecution so that all of the pending claims are in a form indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, as discussed in greater below. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to timely indicate allowance of all pending claims.

In particular, claims 26-33 have been canceled, and new claims 34-57 have been added. Since new independent computer-readable medium claim 34 and new independent system claims 49 and 57 each contain language similar to that of allowed claim 1, they are each allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Thus, claims 1-25 and 34-57 are pending and are believed to be in a form indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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